



16<sup>th</sup> April 2024

Dear Parent/Carer,

## History Visit to Berlin Expressions of Interest

The Humanities faculty is delighted to once again seek to offer GCSE history students a 3-day trip to Berlin to support our history curriculum. This letter is to invite you to express an interest in the trip. The trip is planned for Friday 11<sup>th</sup> to Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> April 2025 at the beginning of the Easter break.

This is an exciting opportunity to visit this thriving city, rich in history and culture. No city is more synonymous with modern global political history. In the twentieth century, Berlin witnessed the rise and fall of Hitler's Nazi regime before becoming a focal point for tensions during the Cold War, when the city was divided between East and West. Today Berlin has many reminders of its fascinating past and a wealth of historical sites and experiences to visit.

If viable, the trip will be offered exclusively to students studying GCSE history in Years 10 and 11, in the academic year of 2024-25. If your child is currently in Year 9 they will need to take GCSE history to be eligible for this trip. To register your child's interest for this trip please click on this link <https://forms.office.com/e/Bp5ay7ExjT> or scan the QR code below to register your child's interest **by Monday 29<sup>th</sup> April**.



Unfortunately, the number of places is limited. If the visit is oversubscribed, priority will be given to Year 11 students and then allocated to Year 10 students at random. Note that we are unable to offer deposit refunds for students who are unable to attend the trip once their place has been confirmed. In addition, we reserve the right to withdraw students if we have serious concerns over behaviour or school attendance.

Here are the key details about the visit:

- The visit is 3 days and 2 nights
- We will depart Maidenhill School on Friday morning, travel by coach and then budget airline to Berlin Brandenburg airport.
- We will be based at a hotel in central Berlin staying on a half board notice.
- On day 1 and 2 of the trip we plan to visit a number of places of historical interest in Berlin including the Reichstag building, Checkpoint Charlie, the Sachsenhausen Holocaust Memorial site and the Berlin Olympic Stadium as well as a boat tour of the city.

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- On day 3 we will visit some other points of interest in the city, and will fly back from Berlin Brandenburg airport to the UK and return to school by coach.

A deposit of £250 will be required to secure a place on the trip, this will be payable once your child's place on the trip has been confirmed, this is anticipated to be by the end of May 2024.

The total cost of the trip is approximately £650 per person. This includes transport, all activities, half board and insurance.

Please note that as this is a curriculum-based trip, financial support can be provided on a case by case basis. If you would like your child to participate but you are currently facing financial hardship, please write to the Head Teacher in the first instance. Payments will be in instalments as is typical for larger trips of this kind.

Yours sincerely,

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History Teacher